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BORER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

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Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

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Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

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Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or for other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

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PRIME RESERVE FUND £230,000.00.

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £288,936.17.

TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881, £538,936.17.

Directors.

F. E. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. BOYD, Esq., Wm. MEYERHOF, Esq., J. H. FLECKHOFF, Esq., F. D. HITCH, Esq., Esq.

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ABOUT 2,000 lbs. MILLER & RICHARD'S Extra-hard Metal BOURGEOIS TYPE, No. 19, (somewhat worn but in fairly good condition).

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Hongkong, July 22, 1881.

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ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY. THE THIRD PERFORMANCE OF THE SECOND SUBSCRIPTION SERIES OF SIX OPERAS. Will be given

TO-MORROW EVENING, the 15th April, when will be produced

PACINI'S GRAND OPERA "SAFFO."

To be followed by "L'ELISIR D'AMORE."

"POLIUTO."

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Prices of Admission: Dress Circle, \$3; Stalls, \$2; Pit, \$1.

Tickets can be obtained of Messrs KELLY & WALSH's and at the Doors on the Night of the Performance.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.; Performance to commence at 9 p.m., sharp.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

A. HOFLICH.

Hongkong, April 14, 1882.

ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

SIGNOR HOFLICH.

Begs to inform the Public of Hongkong, that

there will be

AN EXTRA PERFORMANCE,

TUESDAY EVENING, the 18th Instant.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF

SIGNOR GAETANO CIOCCI,

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VERDI'S CELEBRATED OPERA

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BETWEEN THE ACTS

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THE GRAND BASS ARMA FROM DONIZETTI'S

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Hongkong, April 13, 1882.

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The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

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IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of carefully printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each day's events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collected from the journals published at the various ports in those countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

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Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

To-day's Advertisements.

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The Steamship "Emeralda," Captain TALBOT, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 15th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 14, 1882.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

AGATE, American barque, Captain Chas. W. Brown.

CHARLES STEWART, American barque, Capt. H. R. Powers.

CHARTER OAK, American ship, Capt. L. Gilkey.

COLOMA, American barque, Capt. Noyes.

ESCAMPA, British steamer, Capt. John B. Purvis.

F. A. BORLAND, American barque, Capt. J. H. Kent.

JOHANNAN, Bourne, American barque, Capt. A. Doane.

LENOR, British steamer, Captain D. Scott.

LIVINGSTONE, German barque, Capt. H. Stephens.

NEILIE M. SHARP, Amer. 3-m. schooner, Capt. Gould.

ROCK TEIKAKU, British ship, Capt. J. S. Hutchinson.

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WELLS, German steamer, Captain J. R. Massmann.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 14, Sunday, British steamer, 1029, S. F. Cole, Yokohama April 5, Mails and General.

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April 14, Hongkong, British steamer, 07, Swatow, April 12, Ballast. Kwoh Ahnong & Sons.

April 14, Swatow, Spanish steamer, 222, G. de Orlan, Manila April 11, General. REMEDIOS & Co.

April 14, Canton, British 3-masted schooner, 388, G. Williams, Fremantle Feb. 23, Sandalwood. JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 14, Gordon Castle, for Shanghai.

14, Coloma, for Portland (Oregon).

14, Hongkong, for Chinkiang.

14, Saida, for Saigon.

14, Naut, for Saigon.

14, China, for Swatow.

14, Liriganga, for Saigon.

14, Murejo, for Canton.

14, Saigon, for Saigon.

14, Ashington, for Swatow & Bangkok.

14, Hwai Yuen, for Shanghai.

14, Swatow, for Nagasaki, &c.

14, Chinkiang, for Canton.

14, Swatow, for Shanghai.

CLEAR.

Fokien, for

do drink in generally Oolong or Japan tea made very weak, and well brewed, taken without much sugar, generally out of a tumbler; and a very fair drink it is for the hot weather, although my "insular prejudice" compels me to confess to a preference for a cup of good Indian Tea with cream and sugar. And he describes the manner of "tasting" tea in New York thus:—"Tea is tested here in the old way, instead of weighing the sample to be tasted into a tea-cup and allowing it to draw for five minutes, as we do, the pot is discarded altogether, and the tea turned directly into the cup, the boiling water being then poured on. When it has sufficiently cooled, the taster commences taking a few of the leaves on his spoon, and examining them, and when satisfied, returns them to the cup, and so continues through the 'batch.' The weight used is not so heavy by nearly half as ours, and it would probably be equal to the weight of a four-penny piece. The plan is a more speedy one than ours, but I do not think it is possible to be so accurate."—N. G. D. News.

Tax Japan Herald of 24th March, commenting on the situation in Hongkong previous to the small political revolution lately experienced, says:—

Hongkong is, it appears, the Paradise of absentees on leave, but it is also a Crown Colony, and a peculiar system of promotion appears to obtain there, which cannot be found anywhere else than in an Indian native regiment, and which, so far as any of the uninitiated can perceive, is carried out on the principle that any body will do to fill any position, whether he be fit for it, or has the slightest previous experience as to the business to be transacted or not, provided always that he is in the line of promotion. A casual glance at the occupants of the leading official positions in Hongkong would therefore appear to show, that with the exception of the Forces, not one of the responsible members of the Government is serving in his proper department, and as H. E. Sir John Pope Hennessy will shortly leave the Colony on leave of absence, we might add that there is a fervent and general wish that he may never return to the seat of his government—the highest officer in the Colony will also shortly be "acting." It might possibly be worth while for some member of Parliament connected with the Far East to call the attention of the Earl of Kimberley to the state of the Hongkong officials, where every body is doing some-body else's work, and to ask if he thinks that the system would be thought worth a trial in England. Whether, in fact, if he (the Colonial Secretary) went on two months' vacation, he would not rather leave the charge of his department in the hands of Mr Courtney or the Permanent Under Secretary, who both know the whole routine of the business, rather than place it in the hands of the President of the Board of Trade, simply because the latter, being a member of the Cabinet, is of superior rank? We commend to M. P. at home the following rough list of the principal officials in Hongkong, and ask them to consider whether such a state of affairs is calculated to increase the well-being of the Colony.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
Col. Secretary—M. S. Tonnochy, (Acting).
Col. Treasurer—W. M. Deane, (Acting).
Surveyor General—E. Bowdler, (Acting).
Postmaster Gen.—J. M. (Acting).
Auditor Gen.—M. S. Tonnochy, (Acting).
Registrar General—G. M. (Acting).
Chief Justice—P. Snowden, (Acting).
Puisne Judge—J. Russell, (Acting).

INQUEST.

THE TREATMENT OF SEAMEN—CAPT. THOMAS.
SETTLEMENTS TO BE EXAMINED ON THE CHARGE OF INHUMANITY.

An adjourned inquest was held at the Magistrate's this afternoon, before the Coroner, H. E. Woodhouse, Esq., and the following gentlemen as jury:—Messrs G. Prosch, E. C. Ray, and M. P. Hahn, regarding the death of John Berry, seaman, who committed suicide in one of the cells of the goal last Sunday morning.

Captain Thomsett was called.
The Coroner: You are Harbour Master of this Colony.

Captain Thomsett: Yes, and have been so for several years.

The Coroner: And as such you are acquainted with the shipping and discharge of seamen.

Captain Thomsett: British seamen, or rather seamen on board British ships.

The Coroner: What is the system in use with regard to British seamen?

Captain Thomsett: All cases are not alike. The circumstances in any one case are that a seaman is allowed to be discharged unless able to provide for himself after being discharged.

The Coroner: What is the rule for judging when a man is able to provide for himself?

Captain Thomsett: There is no rule, but a seaman is not allowed to be discharged unless some boarding house keeper agrees to board him until he can obtain employment.

The Coroner: And with regard to deserters.

Captain Thomsett: If a man deserts from a ship he is liable to punishment. The Coroner: Unless he has obtained his discharge he cannot be written off the articles.

Captain Thomsett: If the men be absent, the Captain reports the matter to the Police, and they are sent on board the vessel as deserters, provided the ship has not left the port; but in case of a man who has kept out of the way until the ship has left, he is liable to be arrested and imprisoned. The Captain ships another man in the place of the one missing.

The Coroner: As Harbour Master I suppose you have had experience of desertion?

Captain Thomsett: They frequently come to me and complain.

The Coroner: What is the difficulty of dealing with them?

The Board of Trade expenditure is at my personal discretion, and I relieve them as I think right.

The Coroner: What is done with regard to foreign seamen?

Capt. Thomsett: As I told you, Mr. Coroner, I object to any enquiry being made at a Coroner's inquest into the manner of how I conduct my duties.

The Coroner: The Coroner is judge of what questions ought to be put.

Captain Thomsett: I do not see what this has to do with the death of the man which the jury is summoned to enquire into. They have to enquire into the death of a seaman, and I don't think it is a question for you to consider how I do my work. An enquiry into such a question should only be entered into, by an order from the Administrator, if such an enquiry is required at all. I am quite willing to give any information which may be asked for by the Government, but I don't think this is information to be given at a Coroner's inquest.

The Coroner: I fancy that the Coroner is judge of what is evidence in this enquiry. I have noted your protest, and I ask you to answer my questions.

Captain Thomsett: I refuse to answer your questions, and I must leave you to take any steps you may think fit. I want to add this, before going further, that any questions you may put to me bearing on the death of the man, I shall be very glad to answer. If you would be good enough to write that down.

The Coroner: You being judge of what is evidence.

Captain Thomsett: I did not say anything about that, and perhaps you will be good enough to put it down as I have said it.

The Coroner: I have already said that the question of evidence is for you to bear on the death of the deceased.

Captain Thomsett: You had better put that down, perhaps. Let us be on a fair footing.

The Coroner: I shall now read this case for a week at 2:30 p.m. at the Magistrate's (Friday, the 21st).

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

A meeting of the shareholders in the above Office was held at the office of the General Agents (Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.), this afternoon. There were present:—Mr J. Macgregor (Chairman), Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs C. D. Bottomley, W. H. F. Darby, D. Ruttenberg, G. Macmillan, H. O. Macdonald, H. Smith, E. Sassoon, H. G. James, and G. F. Veitch.

The notice convening the meeting having been read.

The Chairman said as was mentioned in the advertisement which had been read, the meeting had been called together for the purpose of complying with the Companies Ordinance. It was not necessary to detain them with any lengthy statement.

They had simply to say the reconstruction of the old Canton Insurance Office, as it was constituted, had been favourably received by the insuring public, and the business was progressing quite satisfactorily.

All the capital had been allotted, with the exception of a small appropriation reserved for America, where they hoped to obtain a few contributing shareholders. He desired to take the opportunity of expressing, on behalf of the Managing Committee and General Agents, the regret which they felt at not being able to meet more fully the very numerous applications for shares in the new office. When he told them that, with practically only five thousand shares to distribute in China and Japan, applications were received for between fifty and sixty thousand, they would at once see the task set before the Committee was a very delicate and very difficult one. It was felt that in justice to the interests of the office a line must be laid down limiting the certainty or probability of contributions to the basis of allotment, and he believed in no instance had the Committee been unfairly treated. It only remained for their Committee, and themselves, as General Agents, to hope—and he had every confidence in expressing the hope—that the shareholders, by hearty and continued support, would justify the allotment which the Committee had made. He did not know that there was any other business before the meeting, and he had only to thank them for their attendance.

SHANGHAI GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
(Abridged from N. C. D. News.)

The annual meeting of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce was held on the 6th April, under the presidency of Mr F. B. Forbes. After the difficulty of obtaining a quorum was got over, the Chairman said:

Gentlemen, the report has been in your hands for a few days, and I have no doubt that you have all read it carefully. You will see that the Committee has had few burning questions to deal with during the year. As a matter of fact we have not written a single letter to the community, except to the Chamber, and on the other hand His Excellency Sir Thomas Wade, the head of the diplomatic corps, has been equally silent with us. We had no particular subject on which to address him, but that is not the case so far as His Excellency is concerned. There are questions before him of great importance to the community, about which the Chamber would have been very glad to hear from His Excellency. You will notice, for instance, from the report, that the Committee of the Chamber has had to rely entirely on unofficial sources as to what was being done with reference to the Wooning Bar and River Conservancy. It is satisfactory for us to believe that something has been done, and if there was no doubt that the work was going to be proceeded with steadily, this Chamber would have cause to be thankful as we proposed to tax ourselves, whereas the Chinese from what we hear unofficially proposed to do the work and to pay for it. But I have said this morning, and I am unable to give me any information on the matter, and the Committee of the Chamber know nothing beyond what we have seen in the newspapers. The Committee has been at work quietly in collecting certain information which I think is not without value to the community. It answers to the appointment of Mr J. Hughes, Esq., H.B.M.'s Consul, to furnish him with an estimate of the value of property in Shanghai, and of its distribution among different nationalities, the Committee took steps to supply the best information they could. It was the first time such information had been collected, and the magnitude of the information made it of great value, when a question of taxation, or development, or restriction comes up, as it shows to just the kind of interests we have to deal with here. One of the most important things, however, the Committee has had to deal with during the year is to

attempt to organize a meteorological service, but as the subject will come before the meeting under a special resolution later on, I will now simply move:—"That the Report of the Committee be adopted."

THE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE.
The report having been passed, the Chairman then referred to the scheme of Rev. M. Doehrens.

The Committee have been at work on this subject for some time past. There is no doubt that it is a matter which is hardly within the province of the Chamber.

The organization of weather reports and weather forecasts is a work which ought to be undertaken by the Chinese Authorities themselves, but as the Committee of the Chamber saw that the Chinese Authorities were doing nothing in the matter they decided to work the question in a practical way to see if it was not possible to utilize the Observatory at Szeau under the Rev. Mr. Doehrens, who is admitted to be one of the ablest authorities on meteorology in this part of the world and perhaps anywhere.

We were able to go to a certain point very successfully, but we have met with a check at the last, in having failed to obtain the support, the active assistance, of the Customs staff at the different Light-houses, Lighthouses and Harbour-mooring stations. Everything else has gone on very satisfactorily. The owners of the steamers have assisted us in a most cordial way, and now sixty steamers are reported regularly to Father Doehrens. The Great Northern Telegraph Company are prepared to send the messages over their lines; the Chinese Telegraph Company are willing to do the same thing on their lines; and since the report of the Chamber has been printed a letter has been received from Mr Tong King-sing saying that he has obtained official sanction from the Viceroy of Chihli and Nanking, to have telegraphic communication between Shanghai and Harbour-mooring stations for the purpose of weather reports. The only thing now left to do is to get a number of shore stations. Mr Hart has declined to co-operate officially, and when I saw him this morning he did not give any reason for doing so. I believe, however, that it will be possible for Father Doehrens to arrange to get these reports, and the refusal on the part of Mr Hart need not necessarily stop the scheme from being carried out. Of course if the Chinese were to take up anything of this sort and work it they might be able, with their organizations, to do it better than the Chamber of Commerce, and I would say to our successors, the new Committee, that it would be advisable for the Chinese to do it, but if they will not, then, for them to continue with the work we have already commenced. With these few remarks I will move the next resolution:—

"That the Chamber approve of the efforts of the late Committee to establish a meteorological service for the coast of China, and instructs the new Committee to take such further action as may to them appear expedient to complete the proposed organization."

Mr Scott—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

Mr D. Brand—Might I ask, Mr Chairman, whether the Chamber has been asked to take up anything of this sort and work it they might be able, with their organizations, to do it better than the Chamber of Commerce, and I would say to our successors, the new Committee, that it would be advisable for the Chinese to do it, but if they will not, then, for them to continue with the work we have already commenced. With these few remarks I will move the next resolution:—

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The business which has occupied the attention of the Committee during the past year has possessed more than ordinary interest, and it is hoped that their work, in certain respects, result in material advantage to the community.

In the Spring of the year the Committee were asked by P. J. Hughes, Esq., H.B.M.'s Consul, to furnish him, if possible, with an estimate of the value of foreign property real and personal, in the two foreign Settlements, and of its distribution among different nationalities. It was not found practicable to give the figures in the precise form desired by Mr P. J. Hughes, or even, in some cases, to separate what was foreign property from what was Chinese property.

It appeared, however, that it would be possible to prepare a valuation of all property both Foreign and Chinese in the Settlements and in the immediate neighbourhood (excluding the native city and suburbs) of Shanghai; and that such a document, while supplying the want of the Consul, would give information which could not fail to be of public interest. The necessary data were accordingly collected with much care, and a Report was drawn up. It appears therefrom that, on a very moderate estimate, the total value of land, buildings, merchandise and other property, amounted on about January, 1881, to Tael 57,000,000 or Tael 1,214,500,000.

The Committee having been invited to report on the system of duty drawbacks in China, and to offer suggestions as to what modifications, if any, were desirable, a memorandum was forwarded to the Consul, and printed in the appendix for the information of the Chamber. The Committee, on a review of the whole question, were of opinion that the present system might be simplified without detriment to the Imperial revenue, and with a manifest saving of time and money to the traders, by doing away with the distinction between the different classes of drawbacks.

By making all such trade duties payable at the port of re-entry.

By the total abolition of the Bonds now required for half-duty on less intended for foreign export.

Although the Committee have no official information that the Chinese authorities are taking steps to improve the approaches to the port of Shanghai, they have learned indirectly that H.E. the Viceroy has already ordered a steam dredger for the purpose of deepening the water on the Wooning Bar. Nothing further has been heard of the fate of the memorial which was forwarded in 1880, by the Chamber to the Foreign Representatives at Peking, but it is possible that the strong expression of public opinion then sent up may have had some effect in inducing the Chinese Government to take the matter in hand themselves. It is however to be hoped that the authorities are alive to the fact that the Wooning Bar is one of the greatest dangers which threaten the future of this port, and that remedial measures at the bar will be of little permanent value unless the whole question of river Conservancy is dealt with at the same time.

The attention of the Committee had for some time been excited by the importance of establishing some system of regular meteorological observations on the coast of China, which would enable proper weather reports and forecasts to be published in Shanghai for the guidance of mariners. Application was at length made to the Hon. Mr. Doehrens, the eminent meteorologist at the head of the Szeau Observatory, to ascertain whether, in the event of the Chamber organizing a meteorological service, he would assume the scientific direction. On his acceptance, a meeting was convened of representatives of local steamer and marine insurance companies, and a committee was appointed to report on the best means of carrying out the object in view.

The report of this committee gives an account of what they have been able to do, and it will be seen that practically the only thing which is now wanted to complete the proposed service is a system of observations at light-houses, lightships and stations at intervals of about 25 miles along the coast. The Committee are anxious to see this part of the work as soon as possible, and it will be seen that practically the only thing which is now wanted to complete the proposed service is a system of observations at light-houses, lightships and stations at intervals of about 25 miles along the coast.

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THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

The following is the report for presentation to the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders, to be held at the Offices of the Company at Shanghai to-day (Friday), 14th April:—

The audited Balance Sheet and Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December, 1881 are herewith submitted to the Shareholders, and the Directors are glad to refer to the satisfactory position of the Company.

1880.—This account has been closed, and a Final Dividend declared on the 13th January last, the profit on the year's working (after carrying forward Tls. 13,346.60 to "Liability account") being Tls. 446,748.75 which was distributed as follows:—

Dividend of Tls. 75 per share Tls. 75,000.00
Dividend of 27 per cent return to Shareholders on contribution Tls. 297,748.75
Placed to Reserve Fund..... 74,000.00

1881.—During the six months July to December the Premium received, less returns and cost of re-insurance, amount to Tls. 578,338.87; payments during the same period on account of Losses and Claims have been Tls. 297,023.15, in the aggregate, comparing favourably with the year 1880.

The balance carried forward from the Working Account is Tls. 250,108.70.

The Directors have to recommend the following interim distribution for the year 1881, out of the sum of Tls. 663,795.88, which appears at the credit of the Company exclusive of the paid up Capital and Reserve Fund, viz:—Twenty-five Tael (25%) return on Premium to contributing Shareholders, and adding to the Reserve Fund Tls. 50,000 which will then stand at Tls. 312,600.

The cost of the Head Office premises now appears in the Balance Sheet as Tls. 14,107.90, and the Directors have reason to regard this as a sound and profitable investment of the Company's funds.

In accordance with the Deed of Settlement, the present Directors retire from office, but offer themselves for re-election. The Auditors, Messrs A. White and G. A. Lindsay, also offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Court of Directors,
HARBERT S. MORRIS, Secretary.
Shanghai, 31st March, 1882.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. G. Thomsett, Esq.)
Friday, April 14.

LABOUR.
Fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed on Li Cheung and Wong Sung, for having stolen five candles from the steamship *Boothell Castle*, while that vessel was in dock at Hung Ham yesterday.

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THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese literature, has been enlarged and enriched by the addition of "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," has reached its Tenth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are uppermost in the minds of students of the "Far East" and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It contains many interesting Notes and original papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new department has been added, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

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The Notes and Queries are still continued, and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

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Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, the Imperial Customs, and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is occasionally cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Dr. Chalmers, Esq., Broderick, Esq., Hirth, and Hume, Professor Legge, and Messrs Balfour, Watterson, Stott, Phillips, McIntyre, Groot, Jamieson, Faber, Kopsch, Parker, Playfair, Giles, and Fison. All well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subjects.

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"The China Review for September-October fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterizes that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and readable number. Meteorologists will find an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Fritzsche, on 'The Annual of Precipitation (Rain and Snow)' of Peking, showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1847 to 1880. 'Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa,' by Mr. Geo. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is already known. The Review also includes a most generous and appreciative review of 'The Divine Comedy of Dante,' and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting."—*Northern Christian Advocate*.

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"The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on 'The New Testament in Chinese' treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. The article by Mr. E. J. Parker on 'Short Journeys in Szechuen' are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled 'The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire,' which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history.

A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which 'On Chinese Oaths in Western Borneo and Java' might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—*H.K. Daily Press*.

Fribner's *Original Record* contains the following notices of the *China Review*:

"The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular service, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors."

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowring, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, it carried out with punctilious and detail, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Queries' are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the *China Review*, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a Visitors' Column, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with which we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

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INSURANCE							
Nth. China Ins.	1,000	TL 2,000	TL 600	TL 238,600	TL 251,004.91	TL 75	TL 1200
Yangtze Ins.	1,200	TL 350	TL 350	TL 500,488	TL 38,447.66	12 1/2	TL 880
Union Ins. Soc.	500	\$2,500	\$500	\$31,787	\$47,068.58	\$144.27	\$1000
China Traders Insurance	600	\$160.60	\$60	\$47,000	\$1,928.49	20 1/2	\$1600
Canton Ins. Office	10,000	\$250	\$50				\$85
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500	\$1,000	\$200	\$109,378	\$77.42	6 1/2	\$2250
H.K. Fire Ins.	2,000	\$1,000	\$200	\$23,842	\$263,403.72	\$75	\$8030
China Fire Ins.	4,000	\$500	\$100	\$49,632	\$144,535.91	18 1/2	\$2202 1/2
STEAM COMPANIES							
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LOANS							
Chi. Imp.	1874	\$276.2	100	all	8 1/2	June 30 Dec 31	
"	1877	\$10,040	100	all	8 1/2	Feb. 28 Aug. 31	
"	1878	\$3,899	100	all	8 1/2	April 1	
"	1881	\$5,657	500	all	8 1/2	June & Dec.	3 % prem.
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* For half-year ended 31st Dec. 1881. — † To 30th April, 1881. — ‡ For year 1880.

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(Revised January 1st, 1882.)

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The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed those dimensions: 8 inches by 3 inches by 2 inches.

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1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, may deliver them to the Post Office unstamp, the postage being charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trinkets through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the sender having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Mexico, Pakioi, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 1/2 deep, weight more than 1 lb., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as handboxes, &c.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyes, Icos, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by a Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of detailed articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handily bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in broken or deteriorated condition.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore, &c., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Atchaf	5 c	Neef	Dutch str.	980	April 13	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow at daylight
Blackhall	2 c	Granger	Brit. str.	724	April	5 Sooty Shing	Saigon	K'lou Dock
Bothwell Castle	1	Thomson	Brit. str.	1663	April 6	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	20th inst.
Cancous	5 c	Joy	Brit. str.	1818	April	5 Russell & Co.	Amoy	
Cassbrook	2 h	Wharton	Brit. str.	960	April 13	Bun Hin Gan		
Cebu	5 h	Edgar	Amer. str.	373	Nov. 29	Captain		For Sale
Conquest	3 h		Brit. str.	318	Sept. 28	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Expatriate	5 c	Mitchell	Brit. str.	1299	April 13	Russell & Co.		
Fame	5 h	Steynart	Brit. str.	117	April	H. K. & W'pon Dock Co.		Tug Plym
Fokien	5 h	Abbot	Brit. str.	509	April 13	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	16th, daylight
Glenavon	5 c	Donaldson	Brit. str.	1935	April 13	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	at daylight
Glenfruin	2 c	Hogg	Brit. str.	130	April 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saigon	
Gwalior	2 h	Horne	Brit. str.	1628	April 13	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Hongkong	3 k		Brit. str.	67	April 14	K'wok Achong & Sons		
Japan	5 h	Gardner	Brit. str.	1866	April 3	David Sassoon; Sons & Co.	Straits and Calcutta	To-morrow
Joazeiro	1	Marquez	Span. str.	444	April 12	R. P. Mourant	Manila	Coast Dock
Julita	3		Brit. str.	376	April 5	Molchers & Co.	Amoy and Manila	To-day
Lennox	5 h	Scott	Brit. str.	1327	April 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Straits and Calcutta	To-morrow
Li Tai	2 h	Li Ton Tan	Annam str.	1000	July 7	Captain		
Namoa	3 k	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	Jan. 14	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	
Olympia	1	Wagner	Ger. str.	780	April 7	Siemssen & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Pasig	1	Uriarte	Span. str.	284	April 12	Renedots & Co.	Manila	Coast Dock
Pernambuco	2 h	Hamlin	Brit. str.	634	April 11	Molchers & Co.	Saigon	16th, daylight
San Gull	3 h	Hayden	Brit. str.	45	Nov. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.		
Shun Tin	2 h	Yuen Man Fu	Annam str.	83	July 7	Captain		
Strathairn	4 c	Fenwick	Brit. str.	1236	April 3	Norton & Co.	San Francisco	To-morrow
Suez	3 c	Dodd	Brit. str.	1390	Mar. 28	Russell & Co.	Victoria, B.C.	16th, daylight
Sumida Maru	4 c	Hubenet	Japan. str.	826	April 8	M. B. M. S. S. Co.	Nagasaki and Kobe	To-day
Sunda	5 c	Cole	Brit. str.	1029	April 14	P. & O. S. N. Co.	N'aki & Yokohama	10th inst.
Volmer	2 h	Heintzelmann	Dan. str.	978	April 13	G. Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Saigon	
Welle	3 c	Massmann	Ger. str.	393	April 19	Meyer & Co.		
Yotung	3 k	Kennett	Brit. str.	286	April 14	K'wok Achong & Sons	Swatow	
Sailing Vessels								
Agate	3 c	Brown	Amer. bqe.	626	Mar. 30	Rozario & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Bertha	4 c	Henne	Ger. bqe.	443	Mar. 27	Carlowitz & Co.	Hamburg	
Branchlety	3 c	Pichard	Brit. sh.	1497	Mar. 31	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Charles Stewart	3 c	Powers	Amer. bqe.	680	Mar. 29	Master		
Charter Oak	4	Gilkey	Amer. sh.	964	Mar. 9	Ch. Yon	Victoria (V. I.)	Coast Dock
Chalcanoga	4 c	Howers	Amer. bqe.	527	Feb. 22	Captain		
Christian	4 k	Kosow	Ger. sch.	250	April 9	Wielor & Co.		
Elise	1 k	Winters	Ger. sh.	894	April 3	Carlowitz & Co.	Manila	
Eudymion	4 c	Richardson	Brit. bqe.	789	Feb. 19	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
F. C. Sieben	5 k	Dahl	Ger. bqe.	641	April 6	Order		
Fritz	7 k	Lankenn	Ger. sh.	1490	Jan. 28	Molchers & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Gennie Brong	4 k	Trumback	Ger. bqe.	401	April 6	Wielor & Co.		
H. Frintenberg	4 c	Schwenmann	Amer. bqe.	553	Mar. 23	Molchers & Co.	Peifang	
Hannah W. Dudley	4 c	Quay	Amer. bqe.	1128	Jan. 15	Rozario & Co.	Reidland (Oregon)	
Henry	1	Fischer	Ger. sh.	1266	April 6	Master	Manila	
J. A. A. Borland	1	Kent	Amer. bqe.	670	Feb. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	New York	Ab'deen Dock
Jonathan Bourne	2 c	Doane	Amer. bqe.	1472	Mar. 23	H. H. Ward	Victoria (V. I.)	
Manhem	2 c	Jansson	Swe. 3m. sc.	503	April 8	Siemssen & Co.		
Martha	4 c	McPherson	Brit. bqe.	858	April 2	Rozario & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Nelly M. Slade	4 c	Gould	Am. bktn.	561	Feb. 2	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	New York	
R. T. Clayton	5 k	David	Am. bktn.	240	Feb. 1	H. K. & W'pon Dock Co.	Manila	
Rook Terrace	2 h	Hutchinson	Brit. sh.	1769	April 5	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Suamra	3 c	Rock	Amer. sh.	1072	Jan. 20	Russell & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Tartar	3 c	Bunjd	Ger. bg.	256	Mar. 7	Molchers & Co.		For Sale
Three Brothers	2 c	Kahleka	Brit. str.	366	April 5	Ee Tye Hong		
WHAEMPOA								
Charité		Leroy	Fch. bqe.	255	April 5	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
CANTON								
Chimking		Orr	Brit. str.	799	April 14	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Meefoo		Petersen	Chi. str.	1284	April 14	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	